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PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Schmit a question please, on the amendment. Senator Schmit, I talked with you privately. I didn't get an answer so I have to ask it on the board. In line 7 it continues "or without its boundaries". My understanding of this would be that a county would have the power then to issue revenue bonds for something without its boundaries if this was left in. Would you understand it this way?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Simpson, it should not have been that way because I don't think the county could really do that. I think those words should be stricken, if you interpret it that way. I believe I would agree with you that those words should be stricken.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I would move to strike "or without" in line 7 of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Have you prepared it yet, Senator Simpson? Senator Mills, do you want to address yourself to Senator Simpson's amendment?

SENATOR MILLS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Alright.

SENATOR MILLS: I want to amend his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Can't do it.

SENATOR MILLS: OK.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues. Public policy should certainly be written to encourage individual initiative. But it appears to me, as I've gained this legislative experience, that today individual initiative amounts to nothing more than to find a way to get into the public treasury. At this time I'm viewing this LB 519 as such an individual initiative move such as it's been stated that new quarterhorse race tracks want the same privileges that the State Fair Grounds have. Two years ago, when we appropriated money for the new Fair Grounds, I attempted to amend that motion to get money for Fonner Park on the same basis. Our illustrious Speaker explained to me in detail the difference between the state race track and Fonner Park. Fonner Park is a private corporation, supporting out in Hall County by private bonds and private financing for the operation of operating a race track. Now the State Fair is a state agency. The State Fair Grounds belong to the State of Nebraska. Therefore, there is a very definite difference between Fonner Park and the State Fair Grounds. It would appear to me that our citizens outstate are asking for the ability to duplicate Fonner Park facilities on the financing ability of the State Fair Grounds.